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Dear Sir:

**Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

This is a reply to the Office Action dated September 21, 2005 setting a three (3) month statutory period for response. A Petition for a one (1) month extension of time and the requisite fee are provided herewith. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.